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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO
GOVERNING BODY (GB)

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1. LRO TESTED LOCAL WATERS FEB 9 ON POSSIBILITY OF FRUITFUL
DEMARCHES TO GOE ON SUPPORT FOR DG RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE BOOK
ON 1974 ISRAELI RESOLUTION (REFTEL) AND FOUND THEM UNINVITING.
ILO RES REP MRARGHI (EGYPTIAN) A GOOD FRIEND OF US WHO CLEARLY
WELL INFORMED ON ISSUE, FELT THAT THAT USG ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT DG
RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE USELESS AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE
WITH ARABS.

2. MRARGHI SAID THAT RECOMMENDATION HAD "LANDED LIKE BOMBSHELL"
AMONGST ARABS WHO TOOK IT AS DEMONSTRATING ANTI-ARAB ATTITUDE.
THEIR REACTION, BEYOND EMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, WAS THAT DG
RECOMMENDATION, AND ANY POSITIVE DECISION ON IT BY GB, WOULD
BE ILLEGAL SINCE RESOLUTION WAS WORK OF CONFERENCE AND COULD
BE REVERSED ONLY BY CONFERENCE. ISSUE THEN WAS SEIZED BY
ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION DG HODEIRY WHO FOUND IT HEAVEN-SENT
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OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLOIT IN HIS UNPOPULAR CAMPAIGN TO SUCCEED HIMSELF
AS HEAD OF ILO. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL TO EXTENT THAT
RECENT ALO SESSION DECIDED TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO OPPOSE GB
ACTION ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION.

3. IN MRARGHI VIEW, ARAB GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
RESIST ALO PRESSURE TO FIGHT FOR KEEPING ISRAELI RESOLUTION

ALIVE. IN FIRST PLACE, DECISION TO PRESS ISRAELI RESOLUTION HAD IMMEDIATE AND VOCAL ADHERENTS IN GOVERNMENTS OF ALGERIA, LIBYA, SOMALI, IRAQ, PDRY, AND PLO (WHICH IS FULL MEMBER OF ALO). OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT DG'S RECOMMENDATION BUT FEAR TO DEPART FROM MAINSTREAM WOULD BE OBLIGED TO FALL INTO LINE WITH HARD LINERS. ADDITIONALLY, ALO IS ORGANIZATION WITH COMPETENCE TO MAKE ARAB POLICY ON LABOR. IN END, ARABS WOULD MOVE UNANIMOUSLY SINCE THERE NO QUESTION OF ANYONE DEPARTING FROM LINE MAJORITY ELECTS TO FOLLOW. IF DG'S RECOMMENDATION DOES PASS IN GOVERNING BODY, MRARGHI PREDICTED, WE COULD COUNT ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION BECOMING BIGGER ISSUE THAN EVER WHEN PLENARY MEETS IN JUNE. HE FORESAW POSSIBILITY THAT ARAB HUMILIATION OVER THIS ISSUE IN ILO COULD LEAD TO THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM ORGANIZATION, AND THREATEN ITS USEFULNESS IN FUTURE. MRARGHI PROCLAIMED HIMSELF INCAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING WHO COULD HAVE GIVEN DG SUCH DISASTROUS ADVICE AS TO VOLUNTEER HIS RECOMMENDATION. HE BELIEVES ISSUE OF ISRAELI RESOLUTION MIGHT WELL HAVE FADED ON ITS OWN. STRUGGLE WHICH SURE TO ENSUE "WILL BENEFIT NEITHER ISRAEL, NOR US AND ITS FRIENDS IN ARAB WORLD."

4. MRARGHI WOULD DISCOURAGE ACTIVE US DIPLOMACY ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION UNTIL AFTER ALO ELECTIONS THIS SPRING. HE BELIEVES THAT MORE FLEXIBLE ALO ATTITUDE IN GENERAL WOULD BE LIKELY RESULT OF HODEIRY DEFEAT, PARTICULARLY IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO ENGINEER HIS REPLACEMENT BY GOE MANPOWER MINISTER BULTIYYA. HODEIRY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXPLOIT ISSUE FURTHER. (MRARGHI NOTED THAT GOE WILL NOT GO ON RECORD WITH SUPPORT FOR BULTIYYA, HOWEVER, SINCE THAT HAD BEEN TRADEOFF FOR ALGERIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPTANCE OF MAHMUD RIAD CONTINUATION AS ARAB LEAGUE SYG.)

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND BECAUSE WE SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO DEMARCHE ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION IN ANY CASE, WE WILL LIMIT OUR PITCH TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING WITHOUT INVESTIGATION. EILTS

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